

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2013

RE: CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. AND CENTURYTEL
OF IDAHO, INC. DBA CENTURY LINK'S APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF IDAHO, INC.;
CASE NOS. CEN-T-13-05 AND CGS-T-13-05.

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

CURRENT APPLICATION


On September 25, 2013, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc., dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink (collectively "CenturyLink") submitted Applications for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Metropolitan Telecommunications of Idaho, Inc. dba MetTel. In the Applications, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions for an agreement that includes interconnection, resale of services, unbundled network elements, and ancillary services. After the initial review of the Applications, Staff requested and received clarification of certain terms and conditions.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Applications are consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Applications for the Interconnection Agreements.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?



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